



# WASHINGTON TIMES SPORTS

## CHAMPION LEONARD AND LEW TENDLER IN BITTER FEUD ON EVE OF BATTLE

By SID MERCER.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 27.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, and Lew Tendler, his persistent challenger for the last three years, moved upon Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, for the purpose of weighing in this afternoon in the ring where they meet tonight to play the final scene in a fistic drama lifted far above the ordinary because of the class of the two principals.

Leonard and Tendler are bitter feudists today, for Leonard has disparaged his rival in a manner that has surprised the boxing world. It is not improbable that the champion may try some "goat getting" method today at the weighing, but Phil Glassman, Tendler's manager, will be on guard for it. He has counseled Tendler to listen to nothing that Leonard may say, if they come in close contact this afternoon.

"For me the fight doesn't begin until tonight," said the challenger. "I'll wait and do my stuff then. Leonard can't rattle me in advance."

For the past week both Leonard and Tendler have hovered around the required weight—135 pounds at 2 o'clock.

Tendler is grimly confident and for the last few days has been wildly impatient to get into the ring with the champion.

Tendler attacks with vicious energy. He is a body puncher, and his awkward style of milling may bother Leonard, though the champion professes to have figured out a plan of battle for any style that Tendler may adopt.

"Most fighters spend a round or two trying to figure out a left-hander," says Leonard, "and in the meanwhile they get soaked. I know just what I'm going to do. Tendler has no defense except an offense. He keeps coming in. I like those birds. However, I don't propose to let him handle me. I intend to pile on him early in the fight, and then we'll see how well he can box."

Many excellent judges of the varying styles of the two men, with knowledge of the conditions of the fight, predict it will go the limit, with Leonard taking no chances and merely boxing for points.

Benny is a skillful defensive boxer and probably can make Tendler miss a lot and tie him up in the clinches. He knows more ring tricks than Lefty Lew.

Some of these shrewd observers figure that if there is a knockout it will be landed inside of four rounds. After that, if Leonard finds he cannot bring down his man, he hurt himself or tires from the pace, he will go into his shell.

In that case they look for an unsatisfactory finish, in which the champion will forfeit much of his popularity. While Leonard probably would win such a fight on points, Tendler would be the hero.

Tendler hasn't given much thought to winning on points. He isn't a fancy boxer and he can't touch Leonard's crown with a newspaper decision. He is going into this fight to knockout or be knocked out.

The challenger's penchant for hitting low must also be figured in the possibilities. Lew has a habit of bringing up a left hand uppercut that verges on a foul, though it actually is a fair blow. Boxers have been brought down with this blow and they have claimed fouls, but in no instance have the claims been sustained.

Leonard believes he can avoid this wicked left or beat Tendler to it with his right. The champion, however, has not fought a left-hander in several years and he may not easily accustom himself to Tendler's battle front. Lew is good with both hands. He rips in hard punches with his right at close range.

Leonard's left will not be much good for hooking or jabbing, as Tendler's long right will be pawing at his face constantly. Benny must depend on his right.

To sum up the possibilities are these: Leonard to win by knockout. Tendler to win by knockout. Leonard to win on points. Tendler to win by ring officials refusing to allow a claim of foul. Tendler to lose by foul.

Bout to end in confusion with Leonard on the floor claiming foul. Take your pick and it is 5 to 1 you're wrong.

The humble opinion of one who has seen both men in training is that this fight promises to be one of colorful action from the first tap of the gong. There isn't a doubt that Tendler is in great shape and he is grimly confident. Lew carries the body of a welter-weight on his slender legs. If anything, he is stronger than Leonard and the champion is a rugged customer.

It is a hard fight to forecast, however. It may be short and sweet or it may go to a tiresome limit. Our own opinion is that both men will make a ripping, tearing fight of it.

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## How Leonard and Tendler Will Size Up in Their Bout Tonight

Tendler's most dangerous blow is a left-hander under the heart.

## Says "SKILLET" Finn, Esq.

Flappers in COMBUSTION Are So Sweet and Girlish They Can't Pull Weed Out of Violet Bed Without Aid of Ether.

By KIRK MILLER.

COMBUSTION, New Mex., July 27.—If you will ignite Lepsey and Wills in our midst we will dedicate the ruins of this unfair city to charity.

COMBUSTION is neatly situated between COMPRESSION and EXPLOSION and will accommodate any size crowd from a quorum to a majority. Write your own warrant and bring your circus to COMBUSTION.

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The inmates of COMBUSTION are a stalwart race of insects. At the age of eighteen months, the young males are taught to swing a mean brush hook. At twenty they are entrusted with a full-grown scythe.

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On the other fist, the female of the species in COMBUSTION'S sewing circles are not so tough. The girls here are as fragile as an incandescent bulb rampant in a concrete mixer.

Actually, the young ladies of COMBUSTION never take their eyes off the ground for fear they will see an unpainted filver.

One young person positively swooned when she saw her sister pull a weed from the pansy bed without the aid of an aesthetic.

Believe this or not, it isn't true!

## CLUB TRAVELS EN MASSE TO LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHT

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—Showing that it is not such a long jump from the clover-scented air of the golf links to the resin-laden atmosphere of the boxing ring, after all, is the fact that the members of a country club of this city will travel en masse to the Leonard-Tendler bout tonight.

Members of the Green Valley Country Club up in Roxborough will have a special train to carry them to the scene of the battle. They will have six coaches, a club car and their own diner. In order to do the thing proper the buss boys and waiters of the club will be pressed into service on the special train.

Both Leonard and Tendler are honorary members of the club. Thus the membership is split into rival factions. David Phillips, Philadelphia lawyer, heads the Leonard faction. Harry Shapiro, is the staunchest rooter among the Tendler adherents.

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LEONARD.	
Age..... 26	Biceps.... 14
Hgt., 5 ft. 5 in.	Waist.... 27
Weight... 135	Forearm 10½
Neck.... 14½	Thigh... 19½
Chest (normal).... 36	Calf..... 14
Chest (expanded).... 39	Ankle.... 8
	Reach.... 69
	Wrist.... 6½

TENDLER.	
Age..... 23	
Hgt., 5 ft. 7 in.	
Weight... 135	
Neck.... 15	
Chest (normal).... 37	
Chest (expanded) 39½	
Biceps.... 14	
Waist.... 31	
Forearm. 11	
Thigh.... 19	
Calf..... 16	
Ankle.... 8	
Reach.... 70	
Wrist.... 6¾	

Dr. Sol Rottemberg, of New York, placed the World's Lightweight Champion Benny Leonard under examination at Budd Lake, N. J., yesterday and pronounced him a physical marvel. He tested the champion's lungs, kidneys, eyes, legs and arms. After examining the champion's heart and blood pressure, Dr. Rottemberg issued the following statement:

"The champion, I'm proud to say, is possessed with a heart of a lion. He has the sort of heart that is capable of withstanding a shock that would prove disastrous to the majority of glove manipulators. So far as his nerves are concerned, they couldn't be any better. He is an ideal athlete."

There was much betting in Wall Street yesterday over the coming scrap. Several thousand dollars was placed on the contest.

In all the betting Leonard was the favorite, W. L. Darnell & Co., No. 44 Broad street, having waged as high as 2½ to 1 that the lightweight champion will receive the consensus of opinion of the newspapers. The firm last night was still offering \$15,000 at these odds.

In addition to these wagers, Darnell & Co. reported they had placed \$3,000 against \$6,000 that Leonard will stop Tendler, and still have \$5,000 to place the same way. Besides, the firm was offering \$2,000 at odds of 1 to 7 that Tendler will stop Leonard.

Betting interest in this event is more keen than in any fight in some time. Inquiries as well as offers to place money were received in Wall Street yesterday from all over the country, many coming from Chicago and Detroit.

## Radio Returns For Tendler-Leonard Fight Fans

Washington boxing fans, who will not be present at tonight's Leonard-Tendler fight, will receive a blow-by-blow description of the tussle over the radiophone, it was announced by Station WJZ, of Newark, who will broadcast the event from the ringside at Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City.

J. Andrew White, former lightweight and editor of the Wireless Age, will give the description. The bout will begin at 10 o'clock, Washington time.

The National Radio Supply Co., 1406 H street northwest will be open to receive the news.

## WALTER HOOVER TO ROW IN NATIONAL REGATTA

"Walter Hoover, Diamond sculls champion, will positively defend his national rowing title next week," said Henry Penn Burke, chairman of the Golden Jubilee national committee, upon his return from New York, where he took part in the "welcome home" celebration to Hoover. "We shipped the shell in which Hoover lifted the Diamond sculls and also a new Sims boat to Philadelphia tonight, just before leaving New York, also his rowing machine. Hoover leaves for Duluth in the morning to be feted at another celebration on Friday and will start for Philadelphia Sunday or Monday with the other Duluth crews."

## EUGENE CRIQUI SENDS CHALLENGE TO KILBANE

NEW YORK, July 27.—A challenge to the American featherweight boxing champion, Johnny Kilbane, has been received from Eugene Criqui, the French champion of that class.

The challenge was forwarded in a letter dated July 12 and received yesterday by the State athletic commission from Paul Rousseau, vice president of the International Boxing Union, of Paris. M. Rousseau informed the commission that Criqui is also featherweight champion boxer of Europe as well as of France.

## LEONARD SAYS HE WILL GIVE BEST HE HAS

Tendler Opines His Battling Will Be in Ring and Not in Newspapers.

JERSEY CITY, July 27.—Here are the last words from the lightweight battlers before weighing in for their championship contest tonight at Boyle's Thirty Acres:

Benny Leonard, world's lightweight champion: I am prepared to put up the greatest battle of my career against Lew Tendler. The lightweight championship will not change hands, in my estimation. I am satisfied with my speed, wind and fighting ability, and feel that with the aid of my cleverness and ring general ship, I will accomplish what I am after—a knockout in seven rounds. If the opportunity presents, I will terminate the bout in the first round. I am quite sure Tendler's defense is poor. That is one reason why I am sure I will encounter little difficulty in reaching a vital spot. I have not decided upon any set plan of campaign. It will depend chiefly upon what Tendler does.

Lew Tendler, the challenger: I am going to make my fight in the ring tonight, not in the newspapers. If it was Leonard's object to worry me with his scornful estimate of my boxing ability, he has shot wide of the mark. The worry is all on the shoulders under the crown. He has the fear of losing his title. I am facing my biggest opportunity. My left will bring Benny down and win the title for me. He can't prevent me hitting him, and he has never been hit as hard as I will slam him. My condition is good and I will be strong at the weight. Tonight Benny Leonard will be whipped by the man he publicly proclaimed a dub.

Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager: I am sure that Leonard will win. Phil Glassman, Tendler's manager: I think that there will be a new world's lightweight champion after the bout. Lew will wear Leonard down with his left digs to the stomach.

## BAN'S MOCULS TO TALK OF RECENT YANK TRADE

CHICAGO, July 27.—The recent trade which brought Joe Dugan and Elmer Smith from the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees in exchange for several other players, is expected to be one of the chief subjects discussed at a special meeting of American League magnates to be held here this afternoon.

One plan which has been suggested to forestall transactions designed to strengthen teams that are pennant contenders is the adoption of a rule prohibiting mid-season deals between clubs after July 1. According to Ban Johnson, president of the league, this plan will be discussed today. At present the final date for such transactions is August 1.

Johnson said that he favored legislation which would prevent future trades such as the Yankee-Red Sox swap, which has aroused much comment in baseball circles.

## UNABLE TO WIN MINOR GAMES, HE GOES TO MAJORS

READING, Pa., July 27.—Pitcher Ray Gordonier, property of the Brooklyn Nationals, has left the Reading club to return to Brooklyn. Gordonier, considered one of the best pitchers in the International league a season ago, when he was bought by the Brooklyn club from Buffalo, was unable to win consistently for Reading.

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## KANSAS PICKS LEONARD TO WIN TONIGHT

Believes Bout Will Not Go Limit and Champion Will Retain His Title.

By ROCKY KANSAS  
NEW YORK, July 27.—I have been asked to give my opinion of the much-discussed lightweight championship boxing match between Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler, scheduled for tonight.

My opinion is that the bout will not go the scheduled limit, and that Leonard will be the winner. Having met both Leonard and Tendler on more than one occasion, I think I am qualified to some small degree to state whom I consider the most likely to be returned the winner.

Yet I do not believe the bout will

go the limit. I believe it will be terminated along about the seventh round.

## They Hiss Dugan.

When "Jumping Joe" Dugan went to bat in St. Louis on Tuesday he was greeted with hisses from the Browns' supporters, indicating how they stood regarding the "trade" between the Red Sox and the Yankees. If Dugan gets any of that at the Polo Grounds he won't be worth a plugged nickel to the champions.

## Kansas Issue Defi.

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